

Ethiopia claims capture of Jijiga

NAIROBI, March 6 (R).—Ethiopians and Somalis today both claimed victory in the first major battle of Ethiopia's counter-offensive in the Ogaden war. Ethiopia's ambassador to Kenya said his country's troops were pressing forward victoriously after capturing the town of Jijiga. But in Mogadishu, the daily bulletin of the Western Somalia Liberation Front said a Cuban and Russian force flown in by huge Soviet helicopters to attack the town of Jijiga, had been annihilated. A Polish news agency correspondent in Addis Ababa reported today that Ethiopian troops had reached the Somali border at one point and had also pushed Somali forces off the highway between Addis Ababa and Djibouti and recaptured the town of Jijiga.

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King Hussein, President Kirchschläger begin talks on political, trade ties

MAN, March 6 (Agencies).—Visiting Austrian President Dr. Kirchschläger began yesterday with his Majesty King Hussein aimed at strengthening political, economic and trade relations between the nations.

Officials here said the Middle East conflict figures high on the agenda, as well as the conclusion of economic, trade cultural pacts.

King Hussein emphasised in talks that Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and self-determination Palestinians must remain basic for a Middle East settlement.

Official sources said the two

ers would also discuss Au

an technical assistance in

plan before the two leaders met at the Royal Basman Palace.

President Kirchschläger began a second day of his state visit yesterday receiving the golden key of Amman from Mayor Ma

Nuwar.

President Kirchschläger then

wed the tradition of pour

ing a cup of water at the root of the olive tree planted at the Martyrs' Monument.

Her Highness Princess Basma today accompanied Mrs. Kirchschläger on a visit to the Queen Alia Fund, the National Museum and the Haya Arts Centre.

At noon, Prime Minister Mudar Badran gave a luncheon in honour of the Austrian guests.

In the afternoon, President Kirchschläger, his wife and the accompanying delegation visited the tomb of the late Queen Alia.

In the evening His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarwan gave a dinner party at their house in honour of the Austrian guests.

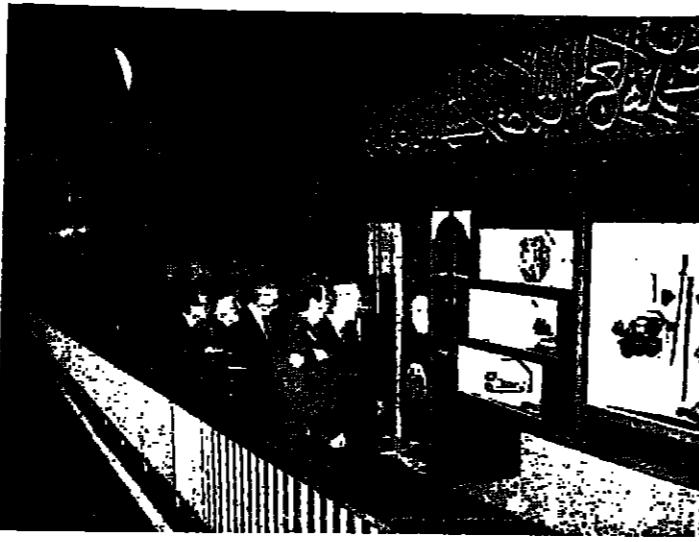
Thousands cheered President and Mrs. Kirchschläger at the start of their four-day visit here Sunday.

The King honoured President and Mrs. Kirchschläger at a banquet at the Royal Basman Palace Sunday, and conferred Jordan's highest decorations on them.

The Austrian guests will fly back to Vienna Wednesday.



His Majesty King Hussein looks on as Prime Minister Mudar Badran welcomes President Kirchschläger at the luncheon party he gave in the Austrian president's honour Monday. (JNA photo)



Flanked by Commander-in-Chief Lt. Gen. Sharif Zeid ibn Shaker (right) and Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, President Kirchschläger visits the military museum at the Martyrs' Monument. (JNA photo)

Gush Emunim seeks showdown with Weizman over two West Bank settlements

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During the row about Beit El, 24 other Jewish families were reported by Israeli Radio to have announced their intention of settling on a hilltop overlooking the Arab town of Nablus — in defiance of government orders and even against the instructions of Gush Emunim.

Asked about Mr. Weinreich's statement, Mr. Slonim replied, "We know for a fact that the order to freeze building projects is in effect. The government is playing with us and trying to trick us into a com-

plaints followed an yesterday by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman decreeing a freeze on new settlement activity on occupied Arab west of the Jordan River. Order was issued before Weizman left for talks in

hington.

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Who will save America from Rabbi Schindler?

Rabbi Alexander Schindler is a particularly foul human being, representing, as he does, that special lack of both historical accuracy and ethical depth, characteristics that would place him normally in a House of Strange Breeds and Weird Things, were it not for the fact that he is the head of the United States President's Council of Major Jewish Organisations, which thereby gives him the right to stand up and say lies and other very nasty things in public, which in turn causes us to stand up and ask him to either sit down or shut up, preferably both.

In his latest outburst, Rabbi Schindler this week said, "The problem is, shall America's promises be sold on the bargaining table for oil and gold?" His insinuation was that the Americans are selling out for Arab oil and money, and he charged that "declining American support for Israel is a result of American dependence on Arab oil. Really, Rabbi Schindler? Really?

And who are the leaders of this great America whose promises have been sold for oil and gold? Is this the same America whose moral inventory has been robbed blind for the past 30 years by the state of Israel and the indiscriminate terror of Zionism's character assassination machinery? An America whose leaders cannot act in the national interest of their 220 million citizens without first getting clearance from a handful of frenzied senators who answer more to the political dictates of trigger-happy Israelis than to their own constituencies in the United States?

Is America selling out for oil? Or is there a submerged streak of humanity in the heart of the United States that hears the cry to be free of Arab children in Jerusalem and Ramallah and Nazareth, that sees a wrong in Jewish people building settlements in occupied Arab lands, that recognises the historical propriety of a Palestinian national sentiment and that seeks to help bring peace to the Middle East by recognising the legitimate rights of both the people of Israel and the people of Palestine?

Is Rabbi Schindler angry because the Americans are selling out for oil, or because they are finally becoming tired of selling out to the fears of Zionism and the oppressive blackmail of Israel?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI said Monday the methods which Egyptian President Anwar Sadat initiated in dealing with the Middle East issue, without consulting anybody, have regrettably, not led to moving Israel one single inch from its obdurate stand, if not made this stand more obstinate and consistent.

The equation of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the newspaper adds, is simple and clear: Israel from the beginning, has chosen a diplomacy of strength and expansion, while the Arab side has opted for a diplomacy of peace, neglecting to exercise its right to search for power in support of its national requirements. "By this equation, the Arabs are the losing party. As to Israel which has won everything by resorting to arrogance of might, it is still hoping to use this arrogance, even against the country which we hope would press on Israel," Al Rai says.

The newspaper doesn't expect much from the impending Carter-Begin meeting in Washington, "because this is going to be not dissimilar to previous meetings that had resulted in more pressure upon us and more intransigence in the Israeli position."

The newspaper asks: " Didn't we say that Israel has been established, and is going to carry on at the expense of the weakness and division of the Arabs?"

AL DUSTOUR devotes its editorial to Austria, past and present, on the occasion of the current visit to Jordan of the Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschläger. Austria, the newspaper says, is the gate of Europe and the bridge that links Europe with the Orient. Its geographical position has embroiled it in so many troubles and wars which made it adopt a neutral policy -- a policy which earned this nation the respect of all countries of the globe.

Al Dustour goes on to say that there is a common factor between Jordan and Austria -- two small countries, with their industrious and ambitious peoples trying to rely on themselves, exploit their resources intelligently for their own, and their regions, prosperity and stability, and to establish, with all the world countries, relations of respect and cooperation.

Jordan and Austria also love peace; "and Austria shares with us the opinion that peace should be just and honourable."

Thus the visit of the Austrian President is welcomed by the Jordanians "because it is an encouraging sign to the manner decided by the leaders of the two countries to promote their mutual relations for the common benefit of their peoples together."

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New role for Arab Leading Chinese artist brings new eyes to bear on picturing Jordan

council

AMMAN, March 6 (JNA) — The Arab Economic Council will be called, as from today, the Arab Economic and Social Council, after the amendment of article 8 of the Joint Defence Treaty and Economic Cooperation between member states of the Arab League.

The council will follow up as from today the implementation of Arab economic plans which are carried out by specialised Arab organisations within the framework of the Arab League.

The Council will also be a central body supervising these organisations and co-ordinating their activities. It also takes part in preparing their economic schemes.

Farhan leaves to tour U.K. varsities

AMMAN, March 6 (JNA) — President of the University of Jordan Dr. Ishaa Al Farhan left here today on a two-week visit to the United Kingdom to make a tour of British universities and hold talks with U.K. authorities concerning academic co-operation with the University of Jordan, as well as the needs of the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Al Farhan's visit comes at the invitation of the British Council.

Saudi scholarships for Jordanians

AMMAN, March 6 (JNA) — The Saudi Arabian Petroleum and Minerals University expressed readiness to allocate a number of scholarships to students of the University of Jordan who hold a B.A. in various specialities.

This came in a letter received from the dean of the Higher Studies in the Saudi university.



During a visit to the Roman amphitheatre in downtown Amman, Mrs. Kirchschläger (center), wearing dark coat, wife of the visiting Austrian President, listens attentively to an official of the Jordanian Antiquities Department. (JNA photo)

Longman Penguin Arab World Centre

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at the University of Jordan Library
from Sunday, March 5, at 4:00 p.m. and daily through March 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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All books available from Amman Bookshop, New Insurance Building, Jabel Amman, Third Circle.

The renowned Chinese artist, Liang Dan-fong, whose exhibition is on display at the University of Jordan Alumni Club now, spoke to FAWZIA MAL about her experiences of painting in Jordan:

to Joe, but she has been taken to Joe, but she has been taken to archaeological excavations not yet open to the public.

Harvest on display

Her harvest is now being exhibited in the University of Jordan Alumni Club through March 8. There are to be around 50 watercolours, ten of them painted during her last trip, the other 40 from the present one; 20 crayon drawings and a few traditional Chinese paintings.

The most deplorable thing, she says, is the impossibility to paint more Jordanian scenes by traditional Chinese brush and ink method -- she has done only two so far. The reason, she explains, is because traditional Chinese paintings are done on special paper that needs very fresh ink.

This is usually provided by grinding an ink stone on an ink plate. But the weather here and the winds do not allow it: the ink and freshly ground colours dry up in two minutes! This is a pity as Jordan's scenes are particularly suitable for Chinese painting, according to Prof. Liang.

A flat stroke of the brush reveals a desert line white yet black dotted with sand. And

WHAT'S GOING ON

Children's Theatre

The Haya Arts Centre is presenting a play based on the Arab folklore figure of Joha, every day at 4:00, running through next Friday. The play, entitled "Joha and His Donkey" is in Arabic, and should be enjoyed by children and adults alike.

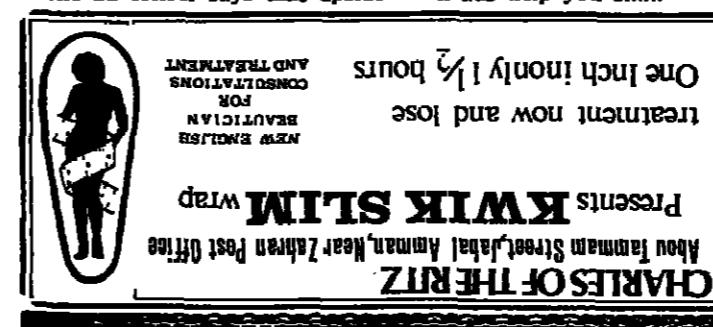
Art Exhibit

An exhibition of paintings by Chinese artist, Liang Dan-fong, opened on Monday at the Jordan University Alumni Club. The works presented are on a Jordanian theme, and the exhibition runs through Wednesday the 8th.

Detective Film

Continuing the detective film series, the Goethe Institute presents tonight at 8:00 a film produced in 1951 entitled "Der Verlorene". In German only.

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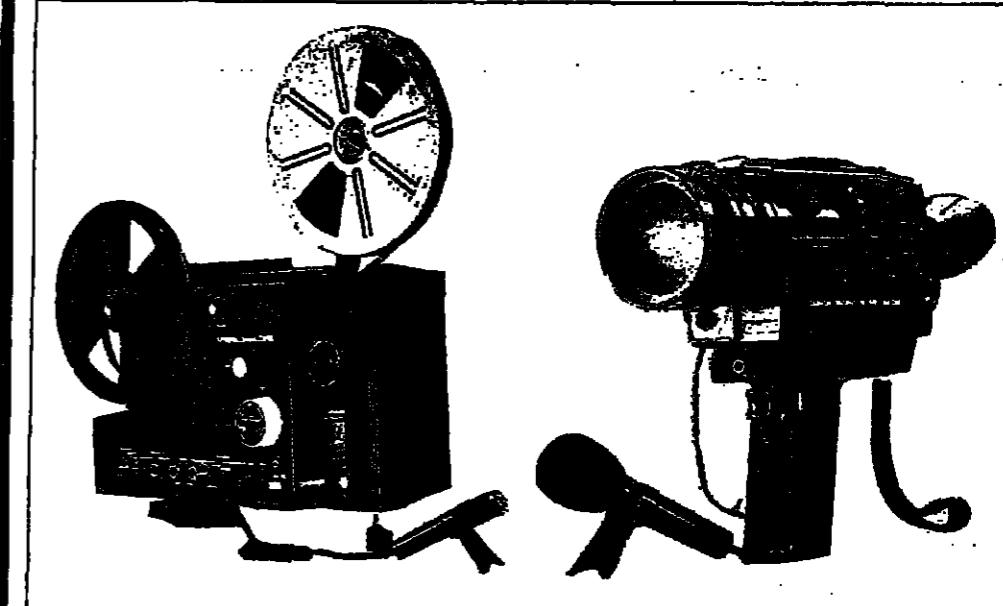
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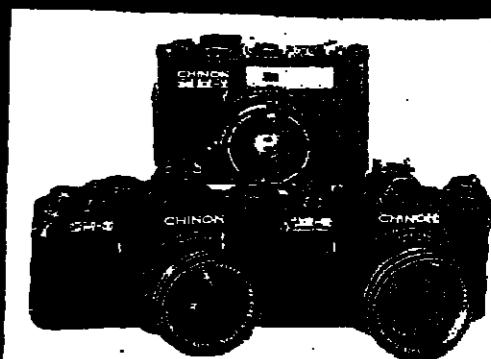
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at they call focussing in photography. Before each shot sketch or painting, she must sit and think, "What is the first? she says, "is that everything is so simple: desert life, sands, tents, clothes ... simple but so full of richness."

The second problem, she says on, is that Jordan is so intricate, both morally and physically. One must try to understand it before painting it.

To reproduce such a spiritual richness she has to concentrate hard and impregnate herself with it, then express it with simple lines and strokes. Only then can the on-looker detect the depth of the simplicity of her paintings.

No other country has required such simplicity to paint,

she recalls, "except maybe for the North Pole area. There, in winter, all is covered with ice."

Though the paintings must be simple, yet they reflect danger, fear of nature and the dangers hidden under the infinite stretch of ice. On the contrary, in Jordan, sand is full and tangible. It is not a cover to hide dangers. It is full of life and living things.

One day I saw a Bedouin strolling alone among the sands. The desert seemed to say: "I am your friend," and the man seemed to answer: "I know it. And I am your friend too."

man and the desert. How infinitesimal man is and how vast the heavens are."

To deal with this simplicity, she continues, one must use a great deal of technique and whisks.

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Taxation issues subject of talks between French and Jordanian teams

AMMAN, March 6 (JNA). — Discussions between Jordan and France on the conclusion of an agreement to avoid tax dualism between the two countries began at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce here today.

During the meeting the Jordanian side put forward a legal explanation for two laws, the income tax and encouragement of investment in Jordan and exemptions provided by these laws to foreign investors in general, and the French in particular, along with incentives for foreigners to invest in various fields in Jordan, notably industry.

The French side, on its part, gave a clarification of the basic formulae of the French tax rules.

During their meetings which will continue for several days, the two sides will tackle subjects related to avoidance of

tax dualism between countries, including taxes imposed on incomes of companies of aviation, shipping, stocks and shares profits, and emoluments of members of boards of joint companies from nationals of the two countries.

The Jordanian side, headed by Under-Secretary of the Finance Ministry, Farhi Obeid, includes Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce Dr. Hashem Dabbas, Director General of the Tax Department Dr. Saleh Al Khasawneh and representatives from the National Planning Council, and the Central Bank of Jordan.

The French delegation, led by the Director of the Tax Department at the Finance Ministry, includes the trade attache at the French embassy in Amman.

The delegation arrived here yesterday.

Mrs. Kirchschläger (second from left, standing) and H.R.H. Princess Basma (centre, wearing fur coat) watch a performance of young children at the Haya Arts Centre in Amman on Monday. (JNA photo)



Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Nominal share value	Volume traded	Opening price	Highest selling price	Lowest selling price	Closing price	Last buying bid	Last selling bid
Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	894	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	6,000
Industrial Development Bank	JD 1,000	637	1,100	1,250	1,250	1,250	—	—
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment	JD 1,000	380	1,250	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	71	7,250	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,000	—
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1,921	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	—	—
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	4,454	15,000	15,050	15,050	15,550	—	15,550
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	590	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0,950	1,000
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	200	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0,950	—
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	3,635	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	—	6,500
Total volume traded: Monday, March 6, JD 12,905								

*5 per cent of share capital paid.

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National News Roundup

Prince Hassan will open Karak seminar March 17

KARAK, March 6 (JNA). — The governor of Karak Sunday reviewed with heads of Municipal Councils in the Governorate working papers they intend to present to a special seminar to open on March 17 under the patronage of His Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The governor told JNA that one of the papers will deal with means of developing local societies particularly in the villages. It also contains views on the feasibility of establishing unified centres for offering public services to a number of villages in the governorate.

17 flights twixt Amman, Cairo every week

CAIRO, March 6 (JNA). — Jordan and Egypt today concluded a new air transport agreement for increasing flights between the two countries. Teams from Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and Egypt Air, the national Egyptian airline, reached agreement after two days of talks in Cairo. According to the agreement, to be put into force on April 1st, Alia will make ten weekly flights between Amman and Cairo and additional flights, especially in summer, if necessary. Egypt Air will operate seven flights between the two countries.

New post offices opened in Irbid area

IRBID, March 6 (JNA). — The Department of Telecommunications in Irbid says new post offices and post office branches have been opened in 16 villages of the governorate. The department last year opened a similar number of offices and says the governorate now has 54 full post offices and 121 branches to serve postal and telecommunication needs of the region.

Tin factory opens

AMMAN, March 6 (JNA). — A new factory for making tin boxes was opened here today. It is owned by the Agricultural Produce Processing Company, cost JD 400,000 and is equipped with machines to produce various sizes of tins at the rate of 200 to 250 per minute.

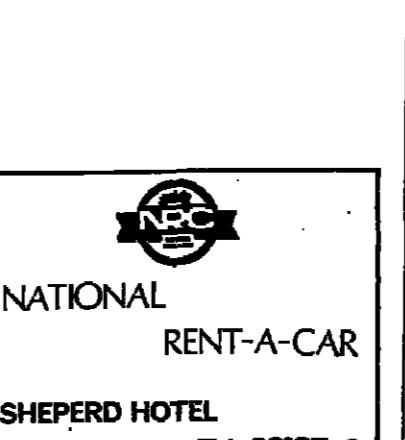
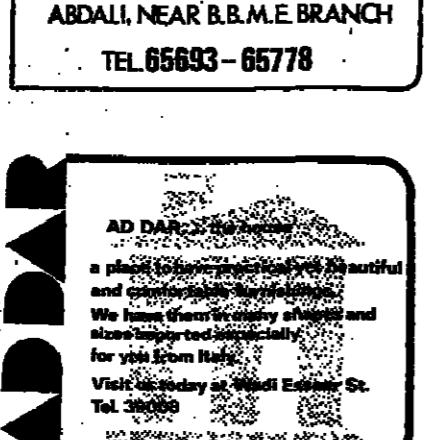
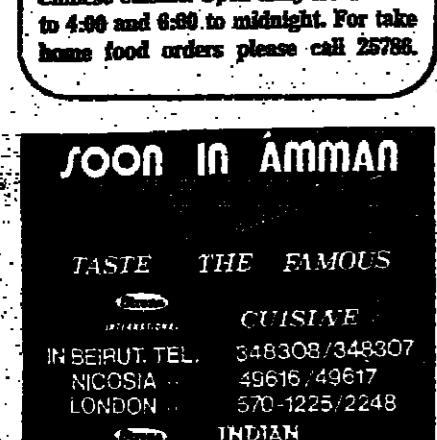
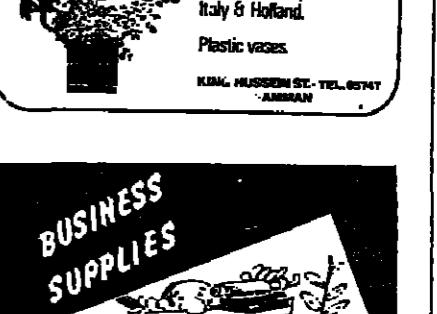
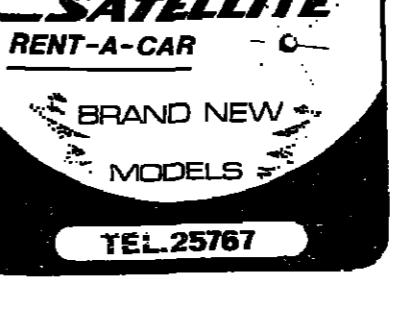
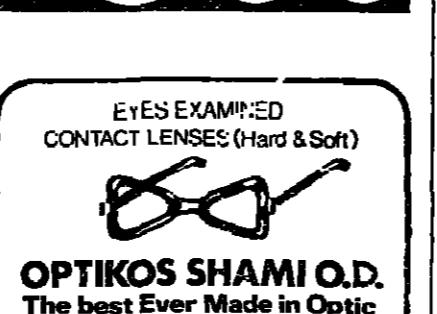
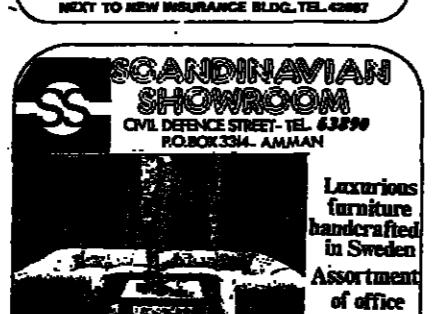
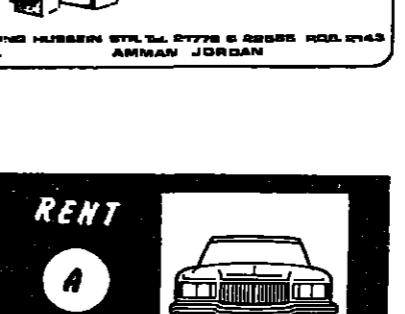
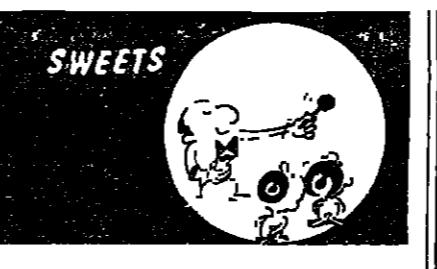
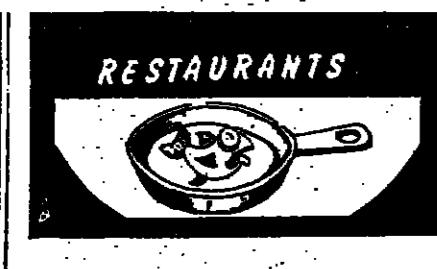
School children race

NORTH SHOUEH, March 6 (JNA). — The annual "Race of the Suburbs" between teams from schools of all governorates and districts of Jordan took place here today under the auspices of the Minister of Education. Ninety-one students took part in the seven kms. race, in which the Amman governorate won first place, the Zarqa District schools second, the Mafraq district schools third and the Irbid governorate schools fourth position. The Governor of Irbid, Mr. Mamoun Khalil, deputising for the Education Minister, distributed prizes and cups to the winning teams.

No official inspection of TV licences

AMMAN, March 6 (JNA). — The Finance Ministry has issued a warning to the public not to receive in their houses any person who wants to inspect television sets licences, and to inform the nearest police post of anyone assuming such a title. A Finance Ministry spokesman said his Ministry is not carrying out any official inspection of the television licences at present. Renewal of licences and payment of dues is made only through the ministry accountants in their offices throughout the Kingdom. The source called on the inhabitants to pay these dues by the end of March, in order to avoid any fines imposed on laggards which may reach 50 per cent.

AMMAN MARKETPLACE



UAE, Qatari ministers call for replacement of \$ in oil pricing

KUWAIT, March 6 (AP). — Two Arab oil ministers called today for the replacement of the dollar as the currency used to set oil prices. The separate statements came from Qatar's Oil and Finance Minister, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Khalifa, and the Oil Minister of the United Arab Emirates, Mane' Said Al Oteiba.

In an interview with Kuwait's Al Rai Al Aam newspaper, Sheikh Khalifa said members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have already lost \$14 billion as a result of the declining value of the dollar. He

on issuing an OPEC dollar, to avoid further losses," Mr. Khalifa said.

"Such an OPEC dollar will be immune to the fluctuations and disadvantages affecting the U.S. dollar," he added.

Dr. Al Oteiba said in an interview with the daily newspaper Al Waha that such a basket should include the currencies of major oil exporting states.

The basket could include the Kuwaiti dinar, the Saudi riyal and the United Arab Emirates dirham, Mr. Al Oteiba said.

He said the aim of such a move would be to protect the purchasing power of oil revenues and not to replace the dollar as a means of payment for oil.

Dr. Al Oteiba said his proposal would mean that the price of oil in terms of dollars would be regularly adjusted to reflect the relation of the U.S. currency to the basket.

"Kuwait is upset by the tangible losses it is incurring as a result of the dollar's slippage," Mr. Hussein told reporters. "We are losing \$1 million each day."

Kuwait's course of remedial action, Mr. Hussein said, would be based on a pending report by a special ministerial committee that was formed last week to draw up plans for offsetting the loss.

Kuwait has said it would call for an emergency meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries if the dollar's value continued to decline.

did not give a time period for the claimed losses.

"In view of these losses oil producers are urgently called to unite and agree immediately

and tourist trade is estimated at more than \$100 million.

Israel's Zim Shipping Line sells 6 ships due to seamen's strike

TEL AVIV, March 6 (R). — Israel's Zim Shipping Line which owns three quarters of the country's cargo ships has sold six vessels because of a seamen's strike now in its sixth week. Transport Minister Meir Amit said yesterday.

Mr. Amit told the Maritime and Economic

Club in Haifa over the weekend he had signed the sale orders with regret. He did not name the purchasers of the freight ships which are owned by the Zim line in which the government has a 40 per cent share. Zim announced last month it would sell its ships unless seamen called off their strike for increased pay.

The processing system will

U.S. chooses DC-10 as mid-air tanker



The DC-10 jumbo jet depicted in this drawing refueling an F-15 fighter plane has been chosen recently as the mid-air tanker for the U.S. air force. McDonnell Douglas manufactures the plane at Long Beach, California. (IPS photo)

Bahrain awards Japanese firm contract for gas gathering, processing system

NICOSIA, Cyprus, March 6 (AP). — The Bahrain National Oil Company (Banoco) has awarded a \$72 million contract to the Japan Gasoline Company for construction of its gas gathering and processing system, the Middle East Economic Survey reported today.

The weekly oil report said the project is designed to process about three million cubic metres of gas daily. The gas is usually burned.

The processing system will

result in an annual production of 28,000 tons of natural gas liquids, 80,000 tons of propane, 75,000 tons of butane and 125,000 tons of natural gasoline, the survey reported.

MEES said the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation (Apicorp) — which is sponsored by the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries — will finance the project along with the U.S. firm Caltex, which operates the Bahrain oil-fields and Banoco.

Banoco will set up a subsidiary to manage the project in which Apicorp and Caltex will each have a minor share of 12.5 per cent, MEES added.

The total cost of the project is estimated at between \$80 and \$90 million dollars. Apart from the \$72 million Japan Gasoline Company contract, the remainder of the money will finance dredging, work and other facilities.

The plant is expected to be ready in 22 months, MEES said.

While conceding that administration officials are concerned about the plight of the dollar and recent declines on

imported oil.

Both U.S. Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger and Charles L. Schulte, Chairman of the U.S. Council of Economic Advisors, said other nations are watching the United States closely to see whether its leaders can summon the will to check the growing U.S. reliance on imported oil.

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Iran orders 6 Airbuses

TEHRAN, March 6 (R). — Iran's National Airline yesterday signed an agreement to buy six European Airbuses.

The Chairman of Iran Air, General Ali Mohammad Khademi, told a press conference the agreement included an option for three more of the planes.

The Airbus on order is the A3002K, a type which can carry 345 passengers.

General Khademi said the first four Airbuses would go into operation in early 1980 on the airline's domestic service and possibly also regionally.

The French and West German aircraft industries are the main partners in the European Airbus consortium. Some 16 international airlines have so far ordered more than 100 of the airliners.

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It is possible to find stars

so massive their escape velocity exceeds the speed of light.

At that point nothing

can move fast enough to escape from their gravitational field — not even light itself,

and so, they are termed a black-hole.

Everything we can see with our limited range of telescopes is our metagalaxy. Possibly our metagalaxy extends well beyond the range of our telescopes — we obviously cannot say.

Elsewhere in the universe are other metagalaxies. So then, matter in our metagalaxy falls into a black-hole and emerges from a white-hole in some other metagalaxy.

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Re-elected premier, Hua Kuo-feng firmly tops China's hierarchy

TOKYO, March 6 (AP). — China's parliament re-elected Communist Posts Chairman Hua Kuo-feng as premier yesterday, solidifying his hold at the top of the Peking hierarchy as both political and administrative leader of the world's most populous nation. Mr. Hua, 57, apparently outmanoeuvred Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping for the job as head of government, proving himself a wily and successful political in-fighter. In the process he has established himself as successor to both Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai, the two great leaders of Chinese communism.

Peking's Great Hall of the People "rang with cheers and there was a prolonged ovation" after Mr. Hua was chosen premier at the closing session of the Fifth National People's Congress, the official news agency Hsinhua reported in dispatch received here.

But the 73-year-old Mr. Teng did not come away empty-handed. He and his old-guard military revolutionary allies put two of their men into key posts.

Defence Minister Yeh Chien-ying, 81, was named to head the congress' Standing Committee, and Marshal Hsu Hsiang-Chien, 76, was chosen to take over at defence.

Mr. Hua, who had been pre-mier by party appointment for almost two years, left most of his cabinet intact. But a shake-up in the seven divisions of the important ministry of machine building -- only two of seven ministers kept their jobs -- spelling determination to put new steam into the drive toward the economic modernisation of China, a national effort launched by Mr. Hua, Mr. Teng and their "pragmatist" allies.

Mr. Teng chaired the final

Bhutto's trial opens Saturday

LAHORE, March 6 (R). — The trial of Pakistan's ex-Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto before a special court on charges of political misconduct will begin on Saturday, an official announcement said today.

The trial prepared by Pakistan's military regime, will deal with the alleged misuse of government funds and also of using secret service funds for political purposes.

Mr. Bhutto, ruler of Pakistan for five-and-a-half years before his overthrow in a coup last July, will be formally charged when the trial starts. The offence carry possible seven-year jail sentences, disqualification from elected office and confiscation of assets.

The 50-year lawyer, has been held in jail since September, but still commands a wide following through his Pakistan People's Party.

He stood a good chance of being returned to power in elections scheduled for last October before the military ruler, Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq called them off.

China lauds Sadat's "anti-Soviet line"

TOKYO, March 6 (AP). — The Soviet Union is using propaganda in an attempt to undermine the Middle East peace efforts of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, China's official Hsinhua news agency said yesterday.

"The Kremlin has directly commanded the action to split Arab ranks and disrupt Arab unity," Hsinhua said. The Peking agency said Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev personally stoned Egypt by asserting that its leadership had tried to make separate deals with Israel. Referring to Mr. Sadat's talks with Israeli leaders, Hsinhua asked: "When a leader of a sovereign Arab state took the initiative, approved by his people as a due move, to preserve national independence and the state's sovereignty and throw off foreign interference, and, in the negotiations with Israel, has stuck to the just stand calling for the recovery of the lost Arab territories and the restoration to the Palestinian people of their national rights, how could he have offended the Soviet Union, which has nothing to do with the Middle East?"

The agency said the Soviets were acting because Egypt had freed itself from Soviet domination and it was "quite natural that the Soviet leaders should vent their wrath on Egypt." The agency said that Egypt, Sudan and Somalia "have one after another seen through the Soviet ambitions and freed their will." It noted the expulsion of military advisers and other actions taken by Egypt against the Soviet Union, and added that "last year, President Sadat held direct negotiations with Israel to get rid of the Soviet control over the Middle East peace talks. In a certain sense, this also weakened the U.S. manipulation of the talks. This has caused anxiety to the two super-powers, especially the Soviet Union."

China annuls many people's committees

PEKING, March 6 (R). — China is to abolish many of its revolutionary committees, which were born out of the Cultural Revolution in the late 1960s. The committees, which were embedded in the 1975 state constitution, were designed to play a role in the hands of the people down to the lowest levels. Premier Hua Kuo-feng announced in a report to China's fifth parliament last week that the revolutionary committees would be disbanded with, except as local government administrations. According to the full text of his report on the work of the government released today, Premier Hua said revolutionary committees would be elected this year in cities directly under provincial authority, in autonomous prefectures and counties, and in communities. However, the committees would be abolished at provincial level and in all other organisations where it did not form an actual level of government.

After the congress ended, tens of thousands of Peking residents converged on the central Tien An Men Square to celebrate by shooting off fireworks, banging gongs, beating drums and dancing with 3-foot dragon lanterns, Hsinhua said.

Though Mr. Teng failed to become premier, he remains No. 3 leader in the country as second vice chairman of the party, behind Mr. Yeh. The other two Vice Chairman are Li Hsien-nien and Wang Tung-hsing. Mr. Teng also retained his posts as senior vice premier and chief of the army's General Staff.

After Czechs, space to see Poles, E. Germans

before the end of the year, according to the sources.

With at least one year's training required, the new candidates for space are not likely to go into action before 1979, but all are to go up by 1983, sources said.

No launching dates have been announced, but informed sources say a Polish astronaut is to be launched in May and an East German two months later.

Czechoslovakia's second astronaut, Oldrich Pelcak, is likely to go into space

By Edward Cody

PARIS (AP). — M. Marcel Trillat, a young Communist Militant sitting tieless and relaxed, looks straight into the camera. "Can things really change?" he asks his fellow Frenchmen.

"Yes, they can," he answers himself with quiet persuasion, going on to explain in the television advertisement that voting Communist in France's two-round parliamentary elections March 12 and 19 is the way to make it happen.

A growing number of French people believe their country should indeed change and are willing to let a leftwing government give it a try. Opinion polls say that for the first time a majority plans to vote for Socialist and Communist candidates in an attempt to put the belief into practice.

But wait and see

The polls could be wrong -- London bookmakers say they are. Or the sentiment they mirror could revert to traditional French conservatism when voters get into the booths. But there is broad agreement here that leftist political fortunes have surged markedly against the ruling centre-right coalition since the last parliamentary elections in 1973.

The leftward tilt reflects swift, often brutal changes in

Like God, U.S. insists on stronger Israeli army, says State Department official

NEW YORK, March 6 (AP). — A high-ranking U.S. State Department official said yesterday that the United States will continue to put top priority on maintaining the security of Israel while at the same time retaining amicable relations with Arab nations.

Mr. Walter B. Smith II, Director of Arab-Israeli Affairs, defended President Carter's proposal to sell aircraft to Egypt and Saudi Arabia and said he believed a Middle East peace settlement is possible despite recent problems at negotiations.

He made the remarks during a Midtown speech before the Zionist Organisation of America.

Mr. Smith said the proposed aircraft sale to Arab nations will not affect the "balance of military power" in the Mideast, but is intended to upgrade the security of those countries. "The United States has seen to it that Israel's

qualitative strength over the Arabs has increased since the last war," Mr. Smith said. "Like God and taxes, the U.S. insistence in strengthening the IDF ("Israeli Defence Force") will continue."

Answering questions from the audience, Mr. Smith acknowledged that if Congress approves of the aircraft sale, the U.S. will be taking a risk because of instability of Arab governments. He said in the case of a coup in any of the nations, he would "be surprised if there were not a serious reconsideration" of the sale by the United States.

Mr. Smith maintained that the U.S. will remain impartial towards negotiations between Israel and Egypt. "There are going to be a lot of ups and downs," he said of the settlement talks between Israel and Egypt. "I think they are going to succeed. The U.S. is not interested in pressing anyone."

Italian government expected shortly as 6 parties agree to back Andreotti

ROME, March 6 (Agencies) — Prime Minister-designate Giulio Andreotti today put the finishing touches to a six-party pact expected to end Italy's six-week-old government crisis.

The breakthrough came on Saturday in a summit meeting of the party leaders.

If the pact were implemented it would be the first time since 1947 that the Communists openly supported a new Christian Democratic minority government.

Police said that after the extremist demo

In a separate development, police used tear gas today to disperse hundreds of leftist extremists demonstrating near the St. John Lateran Basilica here after attending the funeral of a 24-year-old man shot to death in an ambush in a Rome square last week.

Meanwhile, police said they were investigating on the killing of the ambushed man, Roberto Scialabba. They discarded any political connection in the killing, saying it was a vendetta affair between rival criminal rackets.

129 Moslem rebels surrender to army in Filipino south

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines, March 6 (Agencies) — The Southern Military Command yesterday announced the surrender of 129 Moslem rebels who had been fighting government troops on the far southern island of Jolo.

Those who surrendered to Southern Military Commander Rear Admiral Romulo Espaldon brought to about 500 the number of Moslems from the Jolo area who have surrendered to the authorities since the start of the year, the military said.

The surrender ceremonies were held as two battalions of government troops pounded rebel positions in the rugged Indian area of Jolo, 960 kms. south of Manila in operations to flush out Osman Salleh, leader of a rebel band accused of killing a top field general and 34 of his officers and men during a supposed truce meeting in October.

Mr. Salleh, believed wounded in an earlier operation in Jolo's Patikul district near

strated and attacked them with firebombs. Police said they arrested eight demonstrators, three of them under the age of 16. No injury was reported.

Meanwhile, police said they were investigating on the killing of the ambushed man, Roberto Scialabba. They discarded any political connection in the killing, saying it was a vendetta affair between rival criminal rackets.

SALISBURY, March 6 (Agencies) — Two vegetable sellers appeared briefly in court here today on charges related to a series of bombings in Salisbury and its suburbs on Saturday.

The two men were charged with acts of terrorism, and may face execution if convicted.

They were Augustine Nyenyeri, 26, and his cousin Aggrey Nyenyeri, 23. Both black men were accused of planting bombs which exploded in various parts of the city between 11 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. on Saturday.

The defendants were ordered held until March 20.

State prosecutor Mike Nicoll alleged the two received the bombs from "terrorists" -- the official term for black nationalist guerrillas fighting to topple the white minority government.

One police source said the defendants told police they were supporters of the Zimbabwe African National Union, an organisation led by guerrillas seeking to overthrow the white minority government.

Tough security moves

Meanwhile, a 75-kms. corridor of white-owned farmland on the outskirts of Salisbury's northeastern suburbs was officially proclaimed a curfew zone today. Violators can be shot on sight by security forces between dusk and dawn.

Police imposed the curfew, in force in many other areas of the country, to prevent incursions by black nationalist guerrillas from tribal reserves guard the corridor into the outskirts of the city.

The regulations ban persons from moving more than 50 metres from their homes or being in public places between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

They are expected to affect hundreds of blacks working and

living in compounds on white-owned farms.

Police have never ordered a curfew so near the Rhodesian capital before.

Muzorewa meets Owen

In a separate development, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, one of the three black Rhodesian leaders who signed the settlement agreement with the white government in Salisbury on Friday, met with British Foreign Secretary David Owen in London today to press him to endorse the Salisbury agreement according to London's Foreign Office.

While Britain has not criticised the Salisbury agreement it has maintained that any accord signed without the participation of the nationalist guerrillas would fail to put an end to the war against Rhodesia's government.

Nkomo slams accord

One of the guerrilla leaders, Mr. Joshua Nkomo described the black leaders who have agreed to cooperate with Rhodesia's government in a transition to black majority rule as having taken sides against their people.

In an interview with the official Hungarian news agency published in Budapest today, Mr. Nkomo said the moderates who signed the agreement with Premier Ian Smith against the fight of the Zimbabwe (Rhodesian) masses.

"We have to step up the war to the extent where it becomes clear that Smith and his men cannot use puppets and cannot hide from the wrath of the Zimbabwe masses," he said. Mr. Nkomo, co-leader of the guerrilla Patriotic Front group was interviewed in Maputo, Mozambique.

World News Briefs

Scotland finds poisoned Israeli orange

EDINBURGH, March 6 (AP). — A mercury-contaminated orange was found in Scotland on Saturday. Edinburgh Police Headquarters issued a general warning that anyone buying oranges should carefully examine them. A police spokesman said the origin of the orange, of the Israeli Jaffa variety, could not yet be determined. He said a woman in Haddington, a small town 18 miles east of Edinburgh, peeled the orange, spotted globules of mercury and told the police.

No Iraqi post due to Syrian border closure

BAGHDAD, March 6 (AP). — Iraqi postal officials complained yesterday that 15,000 sacks of post had piled up on the Turkish-Syrian border because Syria had closed its border to surface post bound for Iraq.

Tito leaves for U.S. visit

BELGRADE, March 6 (AP). — President Josip Broz Tito left today for an official visit to the United States for talks with President Jimmy Carter on mutual relations and world problems.

Stalin's anniversary marked privately

MOSCOW, March 6 (R). — Relatives of Josef Stalin were allowed to place wreaths and flowers on his Red Square grave yesterday but the 25th anniversary of the dictator's death passed without official notice. Among relatives who visited the grave by the wall of the Kremlin were his grandson, Yevgeny Dzhugashvili, and two small great-grandsons who together carried a wreath.

Britain, Spain to discuss Gibraltar

LONDON, March 6 (R). — Spanish and British Foreign Ministers Marcelino Oreja Aguirre and David Owen will meet shortly -- probably in mid-March in Paris -- for further talks on the long-standing Gibraltar dispute, British officials said yesterday.

San Marino's political crisis nears end

SAN MARINO, March 6 (AP). — After 110 days of dispute, politicians of the world's oldest republic have agreed to dissolve parliament and hold early elections in an attempt to end San Marino's longest postwar political crisis. The key of the election set around mid-May, lies with one third of San Marino's 19,000 voters, many of them American immigrants scattered around the globe.

Guatemalan minister leads presidential poll

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, March 6 (AP). — Gen. Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia, a former Defence Minister, took a decisive vote lead today in the race for president in one of the quietest national elections here in nearly four decades.

UFO sighted in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD, March 6 (AP). — A low-flying unidentified flying object, described by eye-witnesses as resembling a "shining yellow ball", was reported sighted over southern Iraq yesterday. The object flew in a southwesterly direction below a jetliner that was passing overhead at the same time, the witnesses said. One of the witnesses related that the object was "slowly moving, leaving a shining trail behind it, but making no noise at all."